are as under:-

Year	No. of haj pilgrims	Fare paid by each pilgrim	Subsidy per pilgrim (with reference to charter flight rates)	total Subsidy paid/payable
1996	50347	Rs. 12000	Rs. 7640	Rs. 35.59 crores
1997	53766	Rs. 12000	Rs. 16924	Rs. 91.00 crores of which Rs. 34.38 crores have been paid till date as on account payment.

(c) The details are as under:-

	Haj 1996		Haj 1997	
	Haj	Umra	Haj	Umra
Normal/prescribed fare	25875	20705	28530	22835
Additional incentive for groups and individuals	10%	22.72%	6%	10%
Fare charged	23290	16000	26820	20555

(d) The commission paid to an IATA agent during Haj and Umra is 9%. Productivity linked bonus ranging from 2% to 7% based on minimum productivity of Rs. 100 lakhs was given in the year 1996 and 1997 as incentive to the IATA agents(s)—

Poor quality of food served in Indian Airlines flights

648. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) in the passenger ticket of Indian Airlines what amount is included for the food being served on board;

(b) if so, what is the quality and type of food being served that commensurate with the amount charged from the passenger for food;

(c) what is the reasons for poor quality of food; and

(d) whether the quality of food will be improved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) The average cost of the meal uplifted by Indian Airlines is Rs. 83/- approximately.

(b) to (d) Indian Airlines serves sumptuous meals to its passengers which are uplifted from reputed caterers. The quality and quantity of food uplifted from various caterers is ensured through regular monitoring by Indian Airlines officials. Efforts are made to improve the quality as per feedback received from commuters.

Monsoon Magic and similar offers of Air India

649. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many passengers have availed of the Monsoon Magic and similar offers of Air India since its launching last year;

(b) whether this scheme has been successful;

(c) if so, what is the amount of extra revenue earned by Air India due to this Scheme;